

2005 SENATE BILL 414

November 1, 2005 – Introduced by Senators ZIEN, DARLING, A. LASEE, HANSEN, LEIBHAM, CARPENTER, ROESSLER, BRESKE and DECKER, cosponsored by Representatives MOULTON, SUDER, GRONEMUS, HAHN, LOTHIAN, OTT, HINES, GUNDERSON, MCCORMICK, MONTGOMERY, KREIBICH, NELSON, VOS, TURNER, DAVIS, KRAWCZYK, FRISKE, VAN ROY, HONADEL, LEHMAN and KERKMAN. Referred to Committee on Veterans, Homeland Security, Military Affairs, Small Business and Government Reform.

1 **AN ACT *to amend*** 36.27 (3m) (b) 1. and 2. and 38.24 (5) (b) 1. and 2. of the statutes;
2 **relating to:** fee remission for children and surviving spouses of ambulance
3 drivers, correctional officers, emergency medical services technicians, fire
4 fighters, and law enforcement officers.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Current law grants a full remission of fees to a resident undergraduate student registered at the University of Wisconsin System or at a technical college who is the child or surviving spouse of an ambulance driver, correctional officer, emergency medical services technician, fire fighter, or law enforcement officer who was killed in the line of duty in Wisconsin. Current law also grants “duty” disability benefits to a participant in the Wisconsin Retirement System, the Employees’ Retirement System of the city of Milwaukee, or the Milwaukee County Employee’s Retirement System who develops a permanent work-related disability (qualifying disability) that forces the employee to retire or to reduce his work assignment.

This bill extends this fee remission to the child or surviving spouse of an ambulance driver, correctional officer, emergency medical services technician, fire fighter, or law enforcement officer who was a participant in one of the three retirement systems, qualified for duty disability benefits, and later died from the qualifying disability.

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For further information see the *state and local* fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. 36.27 (3m) (b) 1. and 2. of the statutes are amended to read:

36.27 **(3m)** (b) 1. The child of an ambulance driver, correctional officer, fire fighter, emergency medical services technician or law enforcement officer who was killed in the line of duty in this state or who qualified for a duty disability benefit, as defined in s. 40.65 (4), under the Wisconsin Retirement System, the Employees' Retirement System of the city of Milwaukee, or the Milwaukee County Employee's Retirement System and died as a result of the qualifying disability. The student must be the child of an ambulance driver, correctional officer, fire fighter, emergency medical services technician or law enforcement officer who was so killed or who died as a result of the qualifying disability when the child was under the age of 21 or before the child was born.

2. The surviving spouse of an ambulance driver, correctional officer, fire fighter, emergency medical services technician or law enforcement officer who was killed in the line of duty in this state or who qualified for a duty disability benefit, as defined in s. 40.65 (4), under the Wisconsin Retirement System, the Employees' Retirement System of the city of Milwaukee, or the Milwaukee County Employee's Retirement System and died as a result of the qualifying disability.

SECTION 2. 38.24 (5) (b) 1. and 2. of the statutes are amended to read:

38.24 **(5)** (b) 1. The child of an ambulance driver, correctional officer, fire fighter, emergency medical services technician or law enforcement officer who was killed in the line of duty in this state or who qualified for a duty disability benefit

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1 under s. 40.65 (4), under the Wisconsin Retirement System, the Employees'
2 Retirement System of the city of Milwaukee, or the Milwaukee County Employee's
3 Retirement System and died as a result of the qualifying disability. The student
4 must be the child of an ambulance driver, correctional officer, fire fighter, emergency
5 medical services technician or law enforcement officer who was so killed or who died
6 as a result of the qualifying disability when the child was under the age of 21 or before
7 the child was born.

8 2. The surviving spouse of an ambulance driver, correctional officer, fire fighter,
9 emergency medical services technician or law enforcement officer who was killed in
10 the line of duty in this state or who qualified for a duty disability benefit, as defined
11 in s. 40.65 (4), under the Wisconsin Retirement System, the Employees' Retirement
12 System of the city of Milwaukee, or the Milwaukee County Employee's Retirement
13 System and died as a result of the qualifying disability.

14 **SECTION 3. Initial applicability.**

15 (1) This act first applies to fee remissions for persons registered for or enrolled
16 in the academic semester that begins after the effective date of this subsection.

17 **(END)**